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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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Applicant(s): Bin Zhao

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Maureen R. Brongo

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TITLE:

INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001, for which the period to respond is hereby extended one month. Please amend the above captioned application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(i), at page 1, line 20, please delete the entire paragraph which begins 'Recently, there has been great interest to replace SiO₂

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